

17. Article 78 is important inasmuch as it absolves individual officers from personal liability for any losses suffered by the Club which are the result of action authorized by the Club, unless, of course, they result from the dishonesty of the individual concerned.

18. Article 79 provides for the indemnity of any member or servant of the Club—a provision to which no member is likely to object, when it is realized that the administration of the Club is now, and in the future is still likely to be, in the hands of honorary officers who may not be versed in the intricacies of company law.

The Club's new structure, inevitably, will make greater demands on its officers—particularly on the Secretary, who, as the public officer, will have to see that the affairs of the Club are conducted in accordance with the Articles of Association. To enable him to do this conscientiously and effectively, so that some private leisure may remain, it is certain that all members will be ever ready and willing to assist to the best of their individual ability and in every possible way.

DEATH OF DR. CHARLES STANDFORD SUTTON

On September 20th, the Club was bereft of another of its oldest and most revered members. Dr. Sutton had been a member for almost fifty years, having joined in November, 1900. He was elected to honorary membership at the Diamond Jubilee meeting in June, 1940, but for several years past had been unable to attend meetings through failing health.

President for 1915/1916, Honorary Librarian for nineteen years (June, 1924-June, 1943), acting Editor on several occasions and a member of the Plant Names Committee from its inception (August, 1907) to June, 1943, Dr. Sutton was one of the most active, dependable workers the Club has known. He led numerous excursions and contributed several informative papers to the journal, the more outstanding ones being (in chronological order):

Among the Alpine Flowers (in collaboration with F. G. A. Barnard—May, 1903), *A Botanical Collector in the Mallee* (March, 1906), *A Botanist at Mt. Buller* (Feb., 1907), *Notes on the Sandringham Flora* (May, 1911), *A Sketch of the Keilor Plains Flora* (Dec., 1916, Jan., 1917), *On the Growth of the Sea Tassel, Ruppia maritima* (Sept., 1919), *Cradle Mountain and its Flora* (Nov., 1923).

As will be noted from the above writings, the late Dr. Sutton's interests were largely botanical. He travelled in many parts of our State and made the genus *Eucalyptus* his chief study—at the time of his death he was engaged on an ambitious work embracing the distribution of all Australian eucalypts. His private collection of dried plants was handed over to the National Herbarium earlier this year, through the courtesy of Mr. Don Greenwood; together with the recently acquired Tadgell collection, it now forms a valuable adjunct to that large repository.

Ready sympathy from all friends in the F.N.C.V. is extended to his widow, sons and daughters.

—J.H.W.

As this issue goes to press, we regret to announce the death (on October 1st) of our esteemed Honorary Member, Mr. A. H. E. Mattingley.